that the IPKF would be confined to the barracks if it did not meet the deadline, and the hosting of SAARC would be continent on the withdrawal ;

(b) whether he has rejected the Prime Minister's call for consultations on the withdrawal of IPKF;

(c) whether the Sri Lanka President has again written a letter to reiterate his earlier stand; if so, what are the details of (a) & (b) above and the reaction of Government in this regard alongwith the implications of such an unilateral declaration;

(d) what steps Government propose to take with regard to final withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka ; and

(e) whether LTTE and Sri Lankan Government have arrived at an agreement to end the hostilities without India being a party to the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) It is not Government's normal practice to make public the correspondence between the Prime Minister and other heads of Government/State. However since the Government of Sri Lanka has made the letters public, copies of the letters exchanged are attached. [*See* appendix CLI, annexure No. 6].

(d) Government have repeatedly stressed that the schedule for the withdrawal of the IPKF should be worked out through joint consultations along with a simultaneous schedule for the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement.

(e) Yes, Sir. However Government have pointed out that there has been an effective cessation of hostilities between Sri Lankan Forces and the LTTE after the signing of the Agreement. Subsequent events have shown that LTTE has still not given up violence against fellow Tamils.

Involvement of Teachers in National Literacy Campaign

115. DR. R.K. PODDAR :
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that national literacy campaign has failed to involve the teaching community and students; and

(b) if so, what are the measures contemplated by Government to ensure their involvement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) envisages participation of all sections of society including teachers and students of educational institutions, non-student youth, women and others. Participation of students in the programme is possible only by way of proper training, orientation, guidance, supervision and monitoring by the teachers. During 1988-89, teachers in College/Universities were instrumental in mobilising more than 3 lakhs students for promoting literacy.

(b) Dialogue with Federations of primary, secondary, college and university teachers are taking place to evolve ways and means of more intensive teachers' participation in the programme.